

Remarks/Arguments:

The applicant would like to thank the examiner for the telephonic interview on April 29, 2008, in which the limitation added to the claims and the Abrari reference were discussed.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 2, 2008.

Claims 14-37 and 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter as being software per se.

Claims 14 and 21 have been amended to cover computer systems including at least one processor. For this reason, these claims and their dependent claims are believed to be statutory.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 28-34 and 41 as amended, as well as 35-36, are computer storage medium claims and are thus believed to be statutory.

Claim 37 is a method claim.

The Examiner states that the term “other programs” in claims 1, 8, 14, 21, 28 and 35 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite.

The claims have been amended to avoid this problem to broaden the claims.

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abrari et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2006/0129978) in view of Ballard et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 7,111,243).

The independent claims have been amended to add the feature that “when a control is added to the IDE, the IDE adds an annotation to a control file so that the IDE can identify the control file as being associated with the control”. This feature is supported by paragraph [0048]

in the present invention's specification. This feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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